Storage of Foodgrains in open godowns

3617. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of open godowns by the FCI for foodgrains storage is a permanent solution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any risks involved like climatic or weather conditions in storing foodgrains in such open godowns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Foodgrains are stored in the open under scientifically designed system for temporary storage called CAP (Cover and Plinth) when the covered storage capacity is exhausted.

(c) and (d) Necessary precautionary measures are taken to protect the stocks from deterioration. The stocks of foodgrains are stored on crates and covered with LDPE covers with proper preservations. These stocks are also liquidated on priority.

Rice allocation to Kerala

3618. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantity of rice allotted to Kerala per month is sufficient to meet actual requirement of the BPL population;

(b) whether Government have placed any restriction for allocation of foodgrains to the State Governments;

(c) whether Government consider to introduce changes in the existing norms for allocation of the foodgrains to the State Governments in view of the massive stocks; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?